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8. A stabilized medicament comprising:

(A) an effervescent system comprising:

(i) a CO_2 donor, and

(ii) an acidic component;

(B) a pharmaceutically active substance, and

(C) at least one ingredient, present in an amount sufficient to stabilize at least one of said CO_2 donor and said acidic component, selected from the group consisting of fusible sugars, sugar alcohols, and sugar substitutes, wherein at least one of said CO_2 donor and said acidic component is dispersed substantially throughout a substrate having in said ingredient as a substantial constituent.

9. The stabilized medicament of claim 8, wherein said ingredient has a melting point from 30° C to 200° C.

10. The stabilized medicament of claim 8, wherein said ingredient has a melting point from 40° C to 160° C.

11. A process for producing a stabilized medicament, said stabilized medicament comprising:

(A) an effervescent system comprising:

(i) a CO_2 donor, and

(ii) an acidic component;

(B) a pharmaceutically active substance, and

(C) at least one ingredient selected from the group consisting of fusible sugars, sugar alcohols, and sugar substitutes, in an amount sufficient to stabilize at least one of said CO_2 donor and said acidic component in said ingredient,

wherein said process comprises the steps of: (a) at least partially melting said ingredient, (b) mixing at least one of said CO_2 donor and said acidic component with said at least partially melted ingredient to form an at least partially molten blend, (c) cooling said at least partially molten blend, (d) combining said at least partially molten blend, said pharmaceutically active substance and any remaining portion of said effervescent system and (e) forming said stabilized medicament.

12. The process of claim 11, wherein said ingredient has a melting point from 30° C to 200° C.

13. The process of claim 11, wherein said ingredient has a melting point from 40° C to 160° C.

14. The process of claim 11, wherein said blend is comminuted after cooling.

15. The process of claim 11, wherein said medicament is tabletted.